Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Esther V. Meyer, RN, has demonstrated her dedication to duty through her many endeavors in the health field and most recently as Nurse Advisor, Licensure and Certification Program, Division of Public Health; and,

WHEREAS, Esther is a native of South Dakota, born and raised in rural Volga; one of eleven children; and graduated in 1945 from Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing; and,

WHEREAS, Esther worked at Sioux Valley Hospital in general patient care as a student nurse supervisor; she then worked as a staff nurse at St. John's McNamara Hospital in Rapid City; and between 1946 and 1953 Esther took time off to raise her son and daughter; and,

WHEREAS, Esther returned to work at the Brookings Hospital in 1953, and worked as administrator and Director of Nursing at the Brookings County Convalescent Home; and,

WHEREAS, Esther began working for the state Department of Health in 1966 as a surveyor, was moved to the Pierre office as Long Term Care Coordinator supervising nine nurse surveyors in addition to surveying; and,

WHEREAS, Esther was promoted to Nurse Advisor in 1985 where, in addition to survey duties, she has served as the program's complaint coordinator, training coordinator and advisor for Long Term Care and ICF/MRs; and,

WHEREAS, Esther was named Surveyor of the Year for Region VIII, Health Care Financing Administration, in April of 1988 and was runner-up in the National Surveyor of the Year competition in Boston sponsored by the Association of Health Facility Licensure and Certification Directors in November 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Esther has served as a patient advocate for the elderly in South Dakota for 36 years; and,

WHEREAS, Esther has been an inspiration to her co-workers and staff in long-term care facilities in the state for her dedication and christian ideals in working with the elderly; and,

WHEREAS, Esther is retiring after 23 years of service to the state of South Dakota and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to take note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 20, 1989, as

ESTHER V. MEYER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her many friends in wishing her a fond farewell and an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE